Death punishment. SEC. 2. The object of punishments, being not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime, murder, arson, burglary, and rape, and these only, may be punishable with death, if the General Assembly shall so enact.

Penitentiary.

SEC. 3. The General Assembly shall, at its first meeting, make provision for the erection and conduct of a State's Prison or Penitentiary at some central and accessible point within the State.

Houses of correction.

SEC. 4. The General Assembly may provide for the erection of Houses of Correction, where vagrants and persons guilty of misdemeanors shall be restrained and usefully employed.

Houses of refuge.

SEC. 5. A House or Houses of Refuge may be established whenever the public interest may require it, for the correction and instruction of other classes of offenders.

The sexes to be separated.

SEC. 6. It shall be required by competent legislation, that the structure and superintendence of penal institutions of the State, the County jails, and City police prisons, secure the health and comfort of the prisoners, and that male and female prisoners be never confined in the same room or cell.

Provisions fo the poor and orphans

SEC. 7. Beneficent provision for the poor, the unfortunate and orphan, being one of the first duties of a civilized and a christian state, the General Assembly shall, at its first session, appoint and define the duties of a Board of Public Charities, to whom shall be entrusted the supervision of all charitable and penal State institutions, and who shall annually report to the Governor upon their condition, with suggestions for their improvement.

Orphan houses.

SEC. S. There shall also, as soon as practicable, be measures devised by the State for the establishment of one or more Orphan Houses, where destitute orphans may be cared for, educated and taught some business or trade.

Inebriates and idiots.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Legislature, as soon as practicable, to devise means for the education of idiots and includes.